



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
GROUP 1617

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

D. Scott WILBUR, et al.

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Title: TRIFUNCTIONAL REAGENT FOR CONJUGATION TO A BIOMOLECULE

AFTER-FINAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002 (Paper No. 16) was due by February 19, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time (three months, small entity) is enclosed, extending the date to May 19, 2003. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed.

For the purpose of placing the above-captioned application in immediate condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better form for appeal, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

In response to Paper No. 16, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.